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Re: Application of Herve SAINCT  
AN AIRCRAFT FLYING AT HIGH ALTITUDE TO SERVE AS A RADIO  
RELAY, AND A METHOD OF GETTING THE AIRCRAFT ONTO STATION  
Assignee: ALCATEL  
Our Ref: Q67618

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and in accordance with Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- an English translation of the International Application.
- 2 sheets of drawings.
- an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- a Form PTO-1449 listing the ISR references, and a complete copy of each reference,
- along with the corresponding foreign search report
- a Preliminary Amendment

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by § 371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned can easily provide them upon request.



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**PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE  
 CALCULATING THE FEE**

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| Independent claims | <u>2</u> | - | <u>3</u>  | = | <u></u> | x \$84.00 | = | <u>\$0.00</u>   |
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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$890.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.492 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
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